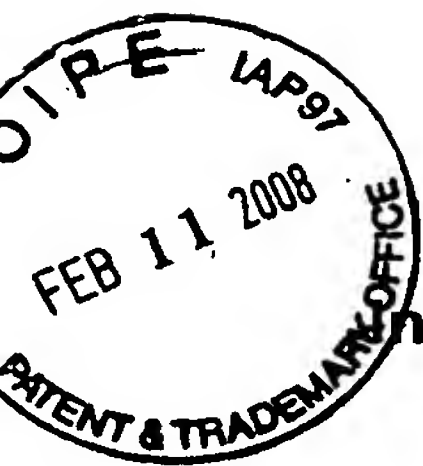


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §1.51(b), §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each U.S. and foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified is submitted herewith, except that (1) a copy of any U.S. patent application identified herein or any patent, publication or other information listed herein cited or submitted in a prior application relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120 and identified below, is not submitted herewith, and (2) a copy of any U.S. patent or published patent application identified herein is not submitted herewith, if this application was filed or entered the U.S. national stage on or after June 30, 2003 (or if applicable, this international application entered the U.S. national stage on or after June 30, 2003).

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**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION NOT LISTED ON
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International Search Report mailed April 12, 2005 in International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/014507, of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
(NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS ONLY)**

The relevancy of US 2003/132281; EP 1 255 232 and the Sansone et al. article are evident from the International Search Report mailed April 12, 2005 in International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/014507, of which this application is the U.S. national stage. The Examiner's attention is invited to the indication in the International Search Report of the relevance of each document, including the relevant portion of each document that was believed to be relevant to the claims of the PCT Application.

The relevancy of WO 80/01963 and EP 0 660 276 is evident from the Search Report of the German Patent Office dated November 17, 2004 with regard to German Application 103 60 859.1, of which this application claims priority. EP 0 660 276 is an English language counterpart to DE 694 17 378 mentioned in the German Search Report. Examiner will note that the German Search Report lists DE 694 17 378 and WO 80/01963 to be in the "X" category.

US 2003/0168849 was cited in another related foreign application as being anticipating prior art. Applicant does not agree with this assessment with regard to patentability of the claims in this application. In particular, US 2003/0168849 does not disclose comparing bank notes to be checked with both the comparative data and the additional data for new types of forgeries so as to enable determination of whether a forged bank note is present or not.

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STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS

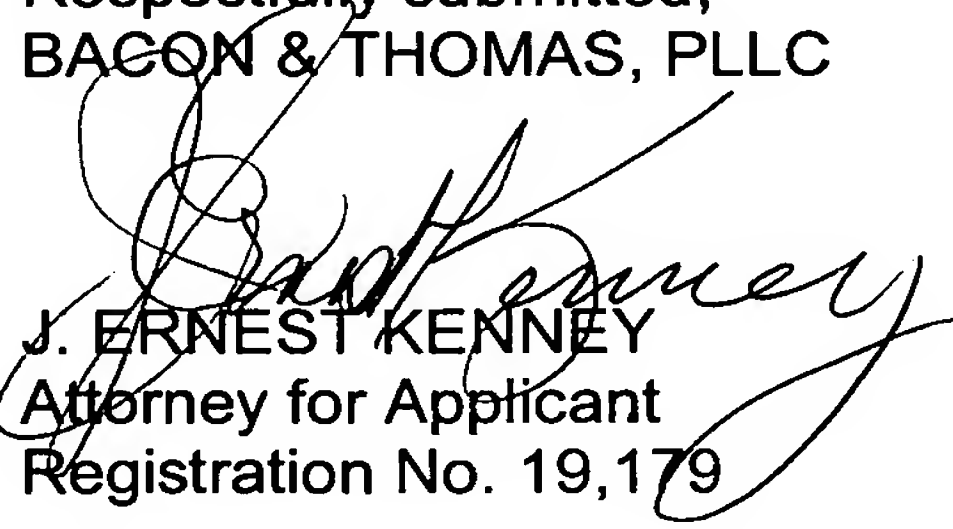
English language translations of non-English language documents are not available to Applicants' attorney apart from English language counterparts or abstracts appended to the documents.

STATEMENT OF TIMELINESS

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits received by Applicant in the above-identified application.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

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